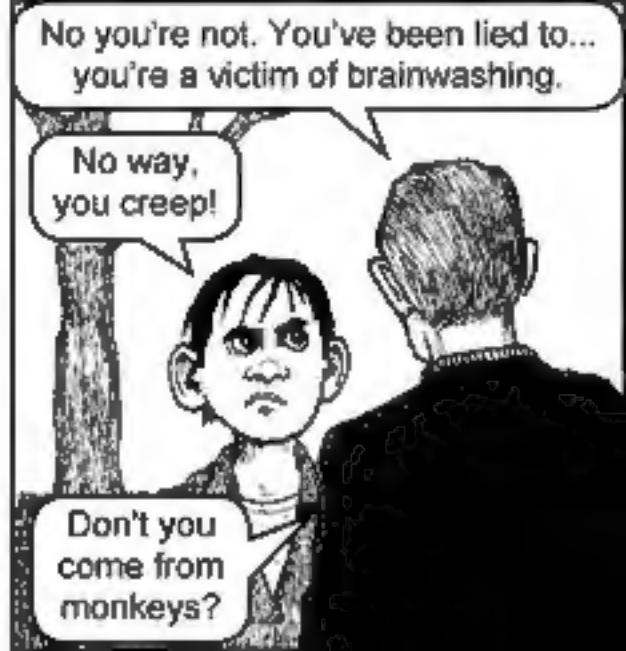





**WHY
SHOULD
I?**

J.T.G.




A black and white comic panel showing a man on the left with a serious expression, wearing a dark jacket over a ribbed sweater. He is gesturing with his right hand. On the right, another man is seen from the back, wearing a textured jacket. The background is a simple sketch of a wall with some leaves.

Of course! What's the matter with you? Don't you believe in evolution?

No, and neither should you!

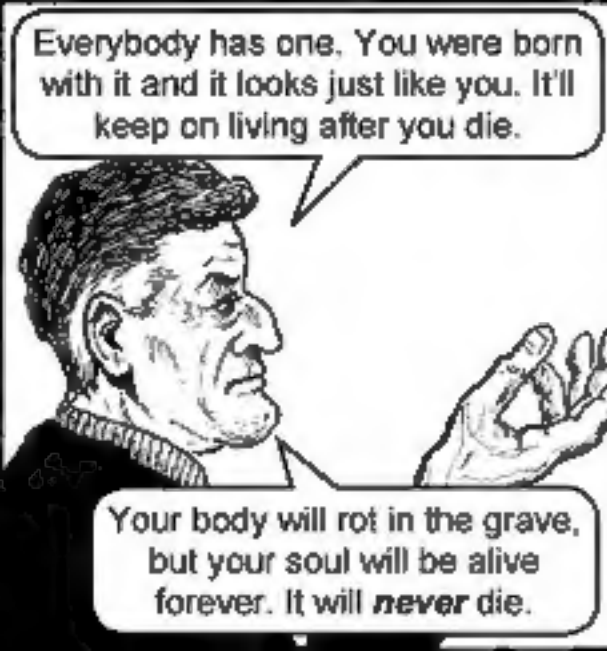
You're strange, dude.

A black and white comic panel. In the foreground, a man with a large nose and a flat cap looks towards the right. In the background, two silhouettes of people stand on a grassy area near a large tree. The scene is set outdoors.

So... why are you bugging me about this Jesus stuff?


Because I don't want your soul to catch on fire.

Soul? What's a soul? Am I supposed to have one?



Everybody has one. You were born with it and it looks just like you. It'll keep on living after you die.


Your body will rot in the grave, but your soul will be alive forever. It will *never* die.



It'll think, speak, hear, see, get thirsty and remember *everything!*

My soul will do all that?

It sure will.




What's this thing about my soul catching on fire?


If it does, it'll keep on burning, but it **won't** bum up!... I hope you'll keep **that** from happening!

See how important your soul is? The trouble is, no one ever thinks about his soul.

I never even knew I had one.



That's because we've *all* been brainwashed, thanks to the guy who's been covering all this stuff up.




Who's that?

The guy who's taking your soul down into hell with him.

The Devil?
You're joking,
right?


I wish I were! He's really powerful and because you're unsaved... he gets your soul, unless Jesus blocks him.



I'm trying to get your soul saved so it won't be set on fire in hell.

That's *scary* stuff, man.

If you won't listen to my warning, *that* precious soul of yours will burn down there forever!



Okay, okay...
I'm listening!

Jesus left heaven
to save your soul.

Wait! Isn't He just
another religious
guy, like Buddha,
Allah, or the Pope?

No way!

Jesus Christ created the universe
and everything in it*... even a
place for you in heaven.**

Why?

Because He's God
Almighty. He made a
way to keep your soul
from ending up in the
lake of fire.

Lake of
fire?

*John 1:3; Colossians 1:16

**John 14:2-3

That can't happen! I was told we're *all* God's children.



When the first man, Adam, disobeyed God, he brought sin into the world.* By nature, we're Adam's children —not God's.**

*See Romans 5:12. **See Gal. 3:26

Because of Adam's sin, his kids became sinners,* and spiritually children of the devil.**



God says in the Bible: "Behold, all souls are mine... the soul that sinneth, it shall die."[†]

[†]"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners..." Romans 5:19

^{**}John 8:43-45

[†]Ezekiel 18:4

Okay! I get it! I'm a sinner and my soul is going to hell. I hate this, but what am I supposed to do now?



How do I get into heaven? I *don't* want to end up in the lake of fire. Help me!

Jesus left His throne in heaven, came down to earth and allowed Himself to be born in flesh.*



Only Jesus was born without sin** and His life was the only perfect life ever lived... but nobody cared.†

*John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16 †John 1:10-11

**2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15

He lived with people He created.
They didn't like Him *then*, and most
still don't like Him today.



Jesus held back His angels*
and allowed the unsaved to
beat and crucify Him.



“For God so loved the
world, that he gave his
only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have
everlasting life.” John 3:16

He had a mission: to die for their sins.
Only His sinless blood (God's blood)*
could do the job.

He shed that precious blood to
wash away our sins.** Three
days later, with the power of
God, He rose from the dead.†

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man
lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13.
*Acts 20:28

*Matthew 26:53-54 **Revelation 1:5
†Luke 24:5-6

To save your soul you must believe what I just told you. If you ask Jesus to forgive your sin



...He will! The key to all this is to trust Jesus alone to save your soul

If you pray to Jesus Christ and ask Him to come into your heart He will!

And my soul will be saved?

Yes and your sins will be gone and your soul will go to heaven

But what if I decide to wait? After all it's a free gift I can take it anytime.



You don't know what will happen ten minutes from now. You could die or miss the rapture.

What's a rapture?

It's the next big event, prophesied on God's calendar.

What's gonna happen?

It's when the Lord Jesus will come down into the clouds to meet all those who are saved.



A trumpet will sound from heaven. The believers, both dead and living, will hear the voice of God's Son, Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:14-18.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53, John 5:28-29

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The world passes into "The Great Tribulation"

Everything changes. The time Jesus warned about finally arrives.



For then shall be great tribulation.

bringing the Antichrist and God's terrible wrath upon the earth.

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved.

Matthew 24:21-22

The monster ruling the earth will demand worship. All who obey will receive the mark of the beast in their forehead or right hand.



Without this mark, you can't buy or sell (and you'll starve).

But with the mark you will go to the lake of fire (Revelation 14:9-11).

All who receive Jesus Christ during the tribulation are beheaded
Martyrdom is the price of salvation.



Right now, we can simply trust in Christ's sacrifice for our sins and receive His gift of salvation. It's hard to tell who is and isn't saved.

But during the tribulation God's people will really stand out. They will

1. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 14:12)

2. Keep the commandments of God (Rev 14:12, 12:17)


3. Refuse to take the mark of the beast (Rev 14:9-11)

4. Be beheaded (Rev 20:4)

Want to be beheaded?


Sure!

No! I've changed my mind. Can I pray right now?



Jesus I believe You died
for my sins You know I'm
a sinner Please forgive my
sins and save my soul

Thank You Lord Jesus
for doing all this for me
I don't deserve it




Wow! Everything feels different
now Thank You God!

Do you realize
what just
happened?

What?

You just became a child of God! Your
soul was spiritually dead and just
came alive! You've been born again!

Therefore I am now in Christ he is a new
creature old things are passed on as behind
all things are becoming new (2 Co 5:17)



Now you don't have to worry about your soul going down into hell anymore because you made the right decision.

Do you have any idea what God is doing right now? It's very special!

What?

The most beautiful home on earth is just a dump compared to the magnificent mansion* Jesus is building for you up in heaven.

A mansion?

That's just one of His surprises for you!

There's more?

*See John 14:2 — if it doesn't say mansions, you're using the wrong Bible.

When you asked Jesus into your heart know what happened?

What?

Your body became a temple of God*

The power that was put in your soul is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.*

At death angels will take your soul straight into heaven **

*1 Corinthians 3:16 6:19-20

*Romans 8:9-11 **Hebrews 1:14 Luke 16:22

You'll fly away beyond the universe and into heaven.



and the Lord Jesus will greet you,
Himself (2 Corinthians 5:8)

The beauty that awaits you will blow you away * You'll have a mind like Jesus no pain, no worries, no sin.



*1 Corinthians 2:9

But for the lost it's a very different story a terrible story



“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28)

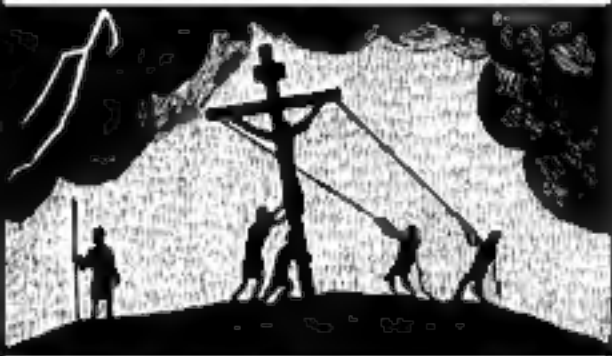
Hell is so horrible, we're not allowed to know how bad it is. There's screams, fire, unbearable pain.*



What did they do to go there?
...**NOTHING!**

*See Matthew 13:42, 50; 22:13; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:23-25; Revelation 14:10-11; 20:10.

God offered them the gift of eternal life... and they *ignored* it.
His crucifixion? They found it offensive.



When He died and rose from the dead, some said it was a big, fat lie.
And when Jesus said *these* words...

"...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father,
but by me." (John 14:6)



They refused to believe Him,
figuring they could make it to
heaven their own way.

Their unbelief cost them their souls.*
*John 3:16

God's gift of eternal life is ready for you to take... and I mean right now!



The tribulation is coming very soon.

When the trumpet in heaven sounds, all who are saved will be taken up to meet Jesus in the clouds...

And *now* you know the terrible price for not believing Jesus.

At death the **only** thing you'll take with you is your precious soul.

It will end up either in heaven or in hell... the choice is yours.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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